Sutlej-Yamuna link canal

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal has been completed as directed by the Supreme Court;

(b) whether Government are aware that Haryana is agitated over the delay in completion of SYL Canal;

(c) by when the construction work on this canal will be restarted and its likely date of completion;

(d) the cost of remaining work and amount of money allocated for 2003-04; and

(e) the steps being taken to complete the project expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The Government of Punjab, which had executed the works so far and under whose control the works are vested at present, has been requested to provide the details of works, the revised costs involved and the construction schedule. The same are awaited. As such, no definite date for restarting the work on this canal or its completion has been decided so far. Also keeping in view that no works were executed in the past several years, only a token provision has been tentatively kept now in the Budget Estimates of the Union Government for 2003-04. The Government of Punjab is being continuously reminded for the requisite information for the preparation of a contingency plan for the completion of the canal.